

ABSTRACT

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Title of Thesis: Study of transalkylation of *tert*-butylsulfides

Novel, atypical and unexpected transalkylation reaction was discovered during the synthesis of highly substituted phthalocyanines. This thesis follows up with previous research and examines effect of peripheral substitution on the course of above-mentioned transalkylation reaction at *tert*-butylsulfides.

For this purpose, total six derivatives with both electron donating and electron accepting groups, with pyrazine core and also without any substitution, were synthesised and used. Conversion ratio to corresponding aromatic methylsulfides after reaction with methyl iodide was analyzed and evaluated by ^1H NMR spectroscopy (via aliphatic signals integration).

Compounds with electron donating groups gave higher reaction rates, on the other hand electron accepting groups made reaction slower, in extreme cases no product was even observed. One pyrazine derivative gave us new, unpublished molecule via direct *N*-alkylation of pyrazine instead of transalkylation reaction.